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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Paula W Klimach

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/1/99.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitations

"the coupling" in line6

"the user" in line8

"the individual" in line10

"the activity" in line 18. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The above examples are illustrative only. Applicant is requested to ensure that any other instances are corrected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. **Claims 1-4, 6-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al (5,623,637) in view of Barritz (EP 0 854 421 A1) and further in view of Peterson (6,349,289 B1).

4. *In reference to claims 1, 11, and 16*, Jones discloses a method for providing an individual temporary access to a commonly accessible computer processing system (CA computer) (column 4 lines 23-30) the CA computer having a plurality of application programs associated therewith (column 4 lines 13-16) the method comprising the steps of: detecting the coupling of a portable storage device to the CA computer (column 4 lines 23-30) the storage device having stored therein an access code for indicating whether the user is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer and information (Fig 2). The system determines whether the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer, based on the access code (column 5 lines 42-43 in combination with column 2 lines 19-22).

Jones does not disclose the computer information comprising computing preferences of the individual, which modify the CA computer in accordance with the information stored in the storage device and providing temporary access to the CA computer, when the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer; monitoring the activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer, until the storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer; generating a bill based on said monitoring; and automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism.

Barritz discloses a system for gathering information to personalize computers available for public use (abstract).

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At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to employ the teachings of gathering information to personalize the host computer disclosed by Barritz within the system disclosed by Jones. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because using walk-up computers effectively requires certain configuration settings and user-related information must be established (Barritz column 1 lines 35-45).

The combination of Jones and Barritz teaches all the limitations except monitoring the activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer, until the storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer; generating a bill based on the monitoring; and automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism

Peterson discloses a system for monitoring the activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer, until the storage device is de-coupled from the CA computer; generating a bill based on said monitoring; and automatically providing the bill to a predetermined billing mechanism (abstract in combination with column 3 line 45 to column 4 line 12).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to employ the teachings of Peterson within the combination of Jones and Barritz. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it is advantageous to consolidate usage and billing information in a single report and manipulate it for each of a number of different host computer networks by an individual user and by predetermined groups or departments of users (Peterson column 1 lines 48-57).

5. *In reference to claims 2 and 17*, Peterson generates the bill by generating an activity log based on said monitoring and converting the activity log into the bill (abstract).

6. *In reference to claims 3, 12, and 18*, Jones further suggests inhibiting temporary access to the CA computer, when the individual is not authorized to access the CA computer. In column 2 lines 40-43, Jones discloses only allowing access to the information when the user has physical possession of the memory and the access password. Therefore, the user does not have access to the host computer unless they are validated.
7. *In reference to claim 4*, the portable storage device comprises a PCMCIA card (column 2 lines 10-17).
8. *In reference to claims 6 and 19*, the predetermined billing mechanism disclosed by Peterson suggests that it is associated with one of a user account and a credit card (Peterson column 1 lines 58-67).
9. *In reference to claims 7-9, 13-15, and 20-22*, the access code disclosed by Jones that is stored in the storage device further indicates whether the user is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer, and which of the plurality of application programs such authorization is provided thereto where the system determines whether the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer, based on the access code; and provides temporary access to the application programs associated with the CA computer for which authorization is indicated, when the individual is authorized to temporarily use any of the plurality of application programs associated with the CA computer (column 3 lines 27-36 in combination with column 5 line 64 to column 6 line 4).
10. *In reference to claim 10*, Jones further suggests the step of providing the individual with a user account by writing the access code to the portable storage device, before said step of

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determining whether the individual is authorized to temporarily access the CA computer (column 5 lines 40-56).

11. **Claim 5** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones, Barritz and Peterson as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of the Microsoft Computer dictionary.

Jones does not expressly disclose the PCMCIA card having flash memory.

The Microsoft Computer dictionary discloses flash memory being available as a PC Card plugged into a PCMCIA slot (page 199).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use flash memory as disclosed in the Microsoft computer dictionary in the PCMCIA card disclosed by Jones. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because this is commonly done (Microsoft page 199).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jones et al	5,623,637
Peterson et al	6,349,289 B1
Barritz	EP 0 854 421 A1
Microsoft	Microsoft Computer Dictionary

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paula W Klimach whose telephone number is (703) 305-8421.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri 7:15 a.m to 3:45 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-8421 for regular communications and (703) 305-8421 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4832.

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